

and monuments is well documented in our American culture—in songs that praise “our redwood forests” or our “purple mountain majesties;” music that captures the emotion of the Grand Canyon, and images of the Statue of Liberty that move our spirits and evoke our patriotism.

In my home City of Chicago rests the Pullman National Monument and Historic District that honors the 1894 factory strikes and their role in our nation’s labor and civil rights movements. The Pullman District reflects the long history that the City of Chicago has with the birth of the Union Movement. I am proud to represent “Teamsters Row” in Chicago, the home of this important national labor union that champions the rights of workers.

In closing, I am pleased to recognize the 110th anniversary of the Antiquities Act and honor the substantial impact the Act has made in the preservation of our national and cultural history and environmental treasures.

RECOGNIZING MRS. LINDA CANLAS
ON HER RETIREMENT FROM
FAITH RINGGOLD ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mrs. Rosalinda Valencia “Linda” Canlas on her retirement as Principal from Faith Ringgold Elementary School in Hayward, California.

Linda has been an active proponent of public education throughout her career. She has instilled a sense of leadership, moral courage, and personal responsibility in the many students that have had the privilege to be seated in her classroom. Her dedication to those students who were not well served by other schools is commendable.

While serving as principal, Linda has actively sought to implement a program to improve the quality of education, introducing effective teaching practices, standards-based curricula and a culture of effective collaboration between school staff and parents. Her efforts have proven to be successful, with Faith Ringgold seeing a 28 percent increase in academic performance over a three-year period.

She was elected as a Trustee to the New Haven Unified School Board in 2010, and she has served as a Board Member, the Clerk, and the Board’s President. She helped spearhead the movement to rename Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle School, honoring the farm labor leaders who worked alongside Cesar Chavez.

Linda’s dedication to our community extends beyond her commitment to education. She is an active member of her local parish, and serves as a committee member of the Ukulele Festival of Northern California. She has also raised her family to share in her dedication to public service. She is the proud mother of two daughters. One is now a licensed attorney and the other is beginning a career of her own as a public school teacher.

Linda’s commitment to the students at Faith Ringgold and in schools across the Hayward and New Haven Unified School Districts is truly extraordinary. I want to acknowledge her for her dedication to a sustainable future and

congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF TONY AND JULIET
CAMPOS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tony and Juliet Campos on their 50th anniversary. Individually, Tony and Juliet each have a lot to be proud of, but together, as a couple, their accomplishments and passion to give back to the community are truly remarkable.

Tony and Juliet met in 1965 at a wedding in Fresno, California. At the time, Juliet was working in her hometown of Chino, California, and Tony was trying to make it in the sheep herding business. As a new immigrant from Orondritz, Spain, Tony knew it was fate when he met a young lady whose family emigrated from a Basque town just a couple hundred miles away from Orondritz.

In 1966, they were married in Chino and moved to Caruthers, California. Tony and Juliet partnered with Tony’s brothers, and started a modest farming operation, Campos Brothers Farms. Tony’s business savviness and charisma along with Juliet’s tenacity, quick wit and humor complimented each other perfectly, and their small business turned into one of the largest almond processing plants in the country.

Tony and Juliet’s success reaches far beyond their family business. They are parents of three, Steven, Joe, and Jeannine and grandparents of ten, Vanessa, Antonio, Audrey, Ava, Grace, Mathieu, Olivia, Vivian, Sophia, and George. Faith and family are most important to Tony and Juliet, and whether you are a long distance relative, friend, or business colleague, you will always be treated with the utmost respect.

Giving back to the community has always been a priority for Tony and Juliet. Most recently, Juliet was recognized by California State University, Fresno with the Common Threads Award for her contributions to the agriculture industry and philanthropic endeavors. And last August, Tony was honored at Fresno State’s Ag One Community Salute for his contributions to agriculture and service to the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Tony and Juliet Campos on their 50th anniversary. I wish them continued happiness as they celebrate this momentous occasion with family and friends.

HONORING JANA L. CLANTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, the late Ms. Jana Leigh Clanton. Jana

was born January 24, 1996 in Flowood, Mississippi.

Jana confessed Christ at an early age and joined Mt. Able Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Willie A. Travis, Sr., where she was a faithful steward, serving as a clerical volunteer to the church secretarial staff and a member of the Mt. Able Anointed Believers Praise Dance Ministry.

Jana was a Presidential Scholar at Tougaloo College, where she majored in English with an emphasis in Pre-Law and was a student leader, serving as a member of the Student Government Association, a member of Alpha Lambda Delta honor society and member of the Tougaloo Ambassadors for Meritorious Scholars (T.A.M.S.), student recruitment association.

Jana graduated with honors from Madison Central High School in May 2014, most recently became licensed as a Certified Pharmacy Technician, and accepted a position at CVS Pharmacy. Though she loved science, Jana’s dream was to become the first African American Female U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

To her family, Jana was affectionately known as “Jana Pooh Pooh”. She will always be remembered for her willingness to help others and for her passion for reading. Jana always lived life on her own terms and never met a stranger.

She leaves to mourn her death, her loving and devoted parents, Minister Johnny L. and Vicky L. Clanton, Sr.; her adoring and loving siblings, Waikinya J. S. and Johnny L. Clanton, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jana Leigh Clanton.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, on June 7, 2016, due to technical difficulties I was not able to register a vote on H.R. 4906. I wish to reflect my intentions on roll call No. 270, as a “YEA” vote.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, if I had been present on Wednesday, June 8, and Thursday, June 9, 2016 I would have voted the following ways:

No on Question of Consideration of the Resolution—the Rule for H.R. 5325—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017.

No on Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4775, H. Con. Res. 89 and H. Con. Res. 112.

No on H. Res. 767—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4775—Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016, H. Con. Res. 89—Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United

States economy, and H. Con. Res. 112—Expressing the sense of Congress opposing the President's proposed \$10 tax on every barrel of oil.

Yes on H.R. 3826—Mount Hood Cooper Spur Land Exchange Clarification Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 271, I am not recorded.

Had I been present, I would have voted aye.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I inadvertently voted "nay" on Roll Call No. 279, on Representative POLIS' amendment to H.R. 4775 that would adopt the text of H.R. 1548, the BREATHE Act, which would amend the Clean Air Act to repeal the prohibitions against aggregating emissions from oil and gas sources. As an original cosponsor of H.R. 1548 and a strong supporter of policies to protect the public and our environment from the dangers of Hydraulic Fracturing, or fracking, I duly intended to vote "yea" on this amendment and appreciate this opportunity to note my support.

HONORING BREALAND PENDLETON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable student, Ms. Brealand Pendleton.

Brealand Pendleton is the daughter of Mr. Christopher and Aubrey Pendleton of Terry, MS. She is one of four siblings: Chris, Braydon and Aubrey Pendleton. Currently, Brealand is a Senior of Terry High School where she will be graduating 6th out of a class of 320.

Brealand Pendleton is a very outgoing young lady that has served in several capacities in her school; showing great leadership skills and the qualities of a great team member. Brealand has been a member of the Band, Flag Team (Senior Captain), Tennis Team (Senior Captain), Beta Club (Senior Secretary), National Honor Society (Junior Treasury, Senior Vice-President), Interact Club (Senior Secretary) and the National Society of High School Scholars. Brealand has over 40 hours of community service which varies from local school participation, helping at the Food Network, serving at Stewpot, working with the school blood drive, contributor to the Angel Tree and other various community projects. Brealand will further her education at Xavier University of Louisiana, where she will major

in Biochemistry. Brealand is a shining example for Terry High School and her community as she works to make it a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a remarkable student, leader and community volunteer, Ms. Brealand Pendleton, for her hard work and dedication at Terry High School and throughout the communities of Mississippi.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HEROISM OF CPL. PHILIP E. LOUR

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible heroism of one of my constituents, Cpl. Philip E. Lour, a veteran of World War II, a leader, and an American patriot. Mr. Lour first began serving our nation immediately after graduating from high school at the age of 17. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, in 1942, where he quickly developed an interest in communications, and eventually an expertise in Morse code. However, life had different plans for him.

After he was accepted into the Army Specialized Training Program, Mr. Lour soon found himself heading to the front lines due to the program being shut down. Mr. Lour fought in one of the war's most infamous battles, the Battle of the Bulge, where he survived the surprise Nazi assault that incurred the highest casualties for any operation in World War II in Europe. In January, 1946, Mr. Lour retired from the Army as a hero and patriot with the thanks of a grateful nation.

Mr. Lour's service to our nation did not end upon returning home. After graduating from Yale University with a degree in engineering, achieved through the GI Bill, he went on to work for the National Advisory Committee of Aeronautics (NACA). His work at NACA continued for eight years before he transitioned to operational analysis at Langley Air Force Base in Newport News, Virginia. He eventually retired as Deputy Director for the Concepts Analysis Agency in the Department of the Army.

Mr. Lour's long career of service to our nation speaks volumes of his character. He exemplifies hard work, leadership, bravery, and ambition in all aspects of his life, from his education to his service abroad. His dedication to the United States serves as a model for all Americans.

I am honored to recognize Mr. Lour today for his selfless contributions to our great nation. Whether it has been fighting on the front lines in WWII, or by making his neighborhood more beautiful with his extraordinary azalea garden, it is clear that Mr. Philip E. Lour has dedicated his life to improving the lives of those around him. He is respected and loved by many.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting Philip E. Lour for his lifetime of service to the United States of America. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN MEMORIAM OF MICHAEL RATNER

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, with my colleague Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, to pay tribute to Attorney Michael Ratner, a fearless champion for justice and peace, who passed away on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at the age of 72.

For nearly half a century, the talented and tenacious Michael Ratner brought cases with the Center for Constitutional Rights in U.S. courts related to war, torture, and other human rights violations. Throughout his decades of legal service, he was and remains a giant in the field on Constitutional law and the law of war.

He was born in Cleveland on June 13, 1943. His father, Harry, was a Jewish immigrant from Russia, and his mother, the former Anne Spott, helped resettle refugees after World War II, during which numerous family members of the couple were killed. After graduating in 1966 from Brandeis University, Michael Ratner earned his juris doctorate from Columbia Law School. He took a year off of law school to work for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund on a Baltimore school desegregation case. He then clerked in Manhattan for Judge Constance Baker Motley, the first African American woman to serve on the federal bench.

In 1971, Ratner joined the Center for Constitutional Rights, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Manhattan. From 1984 to 1990, he served as the Center's legal director and became the Center's president in 2002 serving until 2014. He was also president of the National Lawyers Guild and of the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights.

Ratner brought cases for war crimes and other human rights violations all over the world. Seeking to hold Bush administration officials accountable for torture, he filed cases under the Universal Jurisdiction principle in international courts, including in Germany, Spain, Canada, Switzerland, and France.

Ratner also oversaw litigation that successfully challenged New York City's stop-and-frisk policing tactic.

Under his leadership, the Center for Constitutional Rights was the first human rights organization to stand up for the human rights of Guantanamo detainees. Ratner was a founding member of the Guantanamo Bay Bar Association which grew to include more than 500 attorneys. This Association provided pro bono representation to prisoners at Guantanamo—one of the largest mass defense efforts in U.S. history. Michael acted as counsel in the landmark case *Rasul v. Bush*, which was the first successful Guantanamo case in the United States Supreme Court.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Ranucci, a video producer; his children, Jake and Ana; his sister Ellen and his brother Bruce.

Mr. Speaker, we ask that all our colleagues join us in honoring the life and work of Attorney Michael Ratner. He will truly be missed, but he will live on through the work of the countless social justice lawyers and activists he inspired.